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SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER TO
SELECTED AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS

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1. THE GERMAN EMBASSY HERE HAS REPORTED TO US THE INITIAL RESPONSES TO GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S LETTER TO SELECTED AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. SUMMATION OF REPLIES FOLLOWS BELOW:

2. KENYA: KENYA WELCOMED THE GERMAN LETTER AND STATED THAT KENYA WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH GENSCHER'S VIEW-POINT. THE KENYA FOREIGN MINISTER RELATED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY CALLED ON THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND TOLD HIM THAT KENYA IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, WHICH KENYA CONSIDERS AS UNBEARABLE AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT.

3. NIGERIA:

AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RECEIVED THE GERMAN NOTE AND ASKED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR WHICH COUNTRIES THEY MEANT WHEN THEY REFERRED TO AN END OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT. THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THE GERMANS MEANT ALL STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, CUBA, THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA. THE NIGERIAN REPLIED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION, NIGERIA FEARED A SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTHOLD IN ANGOLA AND THAT NIGERIA SEES THE SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION AS MUCH THE GREATER EVIL. NIGERIA DOES NOT BELIEVE THE SOVIETS CAN OBTAIN MILITARY BASES IN ANGOLA NOR WILL MPLA BECOME DEPENDENT ON THE SOVIET UNION. NIGERIA HOPED THE OAU WOULD REACH A CONCILIATORY ARRANGEMENT BUT UNFORTUNATELY AFRICA WAS DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE. NIGERIA FAVORS A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY BUT WITH THE MPLA AS ITS NUCLEUS. NIGERIA WOULD NOT OBJECT IF ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR FNLA AND UNITA TO COME TO THE OAU IN SOME SPECIAL STATUS.

4. UGANDA: THE MINISTER OF STATE RECEIVED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND SAID HE WAS PESSIMISTIC ON THE OUTCOME OF THE OAU CONFERENCE SINCE HE EXPECTED FEW CHIEFS OF STATE TO ATTEND AND THUS THERE WOULD BE FEW BINDING RESULTS. THE UGANDANS FELT THAT THE ONLY ANGOLAN LEADER TO ATTEND WOULD BE SAVIMBI SINCE NETO HAS STATED THAT HE WILL ONLY PARTICIPATE AS A CHIEF OF STATE.

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5. LIBERIA: FOREIGN MINISTER DENIS RECEIVED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND WELCOMED THE MESSAGE, IDENTIFYING LIBERIA COMPLETELY WITH IT CONTENTS. DENIS SAID HE AND A VICE PRESIDENT WILL GO TO ADDIS BUT NOT PRESIDENT TOLBERT. LIBERIA FAVORS A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY BUT FEARS THE OAU MIGHT BREAK UP OVER THE ISSUE.

6. GHANA: A DEPUTY SECRETARY RECEIVED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND STATED THE MESSAGE WAS HELPFUL. HE REITERATED THAT GHANA BELIEVED THE SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION WAS THE MAIN ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM AND ANY COMMUNIST INTERVENTION COULD ONLY BE SEEN AS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE. GHANA BELIEVES THE MPLA HAS NOT SOLD OUT TO THE USSR. MPLA REALIZES, HE WENT ON, THAT GHANA DOES NOT FAVOR THEM PARTICULARLY BUT IS OPPOSED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION. MPLA, HE SAID, IS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OTHER TWO MOVEMENTS AND TOLD THE GHANIAN THAT SOME ACCOMMODATION MUST BE REACHED WITH THEM. GHANA IS STILL TRYING TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IN THE OAU BUT THE WEST DOES NOT MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM. IN FACT, HE SAID, KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THE US WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN PERMANENT INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA. HE SAID THE RUSSIANS ARE LUCKIER THAN THE AMERICANS BECAUSE THEY NEVER SUFFER THE EMBARRASSMENT OF LEAKS. AFRICAN STATES WHO DO NOT HAVE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES MUST RELY HEAVILY ON NEWS REPORTS OF WHAT GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING AND THE SOVIETS NEVER PUT THEMSELVES IN THAT TYPE OF BAD LIGHT.

7. MALAWI: MALAWI CONSIDERS THE GERMAN MESSAGE OBJECTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

8. TANZANIA: FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA RECEIVED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND SAID THAT TANZANIA SEES THE ANGOLA QUESTION AS AN ASPECT OF DECOLONIZATION. THUS TANZANIA REQUESTS THAT ALL THE NEOCOLONIALIST POWERS, ESPECIALLY MENTIONING THE US AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET AND CUBAN TECHNICIANS IS JUSTIFIED AND DESIRABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE SUPPORTING THE JUST ASPIRATIONS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE. COOPERATION
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BETWEEN ALL THREE GROUPS IS SIMPLY OUT OF THE QUESTION SINCE FNLA/UNITA DO NOT REPRESENT TRUE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA BUT ARE PUPPETS OF THE US. ALL AFRICAN STATES THAT ARE OPPOSING THE MPLA WILL BE PUNISHED AT SOME POINT BY OTHER AFRICAN STATES FOR THEIR ACTIONS. KISSINGER

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